

Amendment No. 1 to SB1629

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1629*

House Bill No. 1694

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) If a teacher, in the teacher's first year of service as a teacher of record, receives a score of "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations" on the teacher's overall evaluation, then the director of schools, or the director's designee, may recommend the teacher for remediation.

(b) If a director of schools, or the director's designee, recommends a teacher for remediation pursuant to subsection (a), then the director shall notify the institution of higher education at which the teacher completed a state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program that the teacher has been recommended for remediation.

(c) A teacher recommended for remediation pursuant to subsection (a) shall be notified by the state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program that the teacher completed that remediation is available and offer such remediation to the teacher at no cost. The remediation may be provided in person, remotely, or online at the discretion of the institution.

(d) Each institution of higher education that operates a state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program shall collaborate with a primary partnership LEA in designing remediation opportunities.

(e) This section shall not apply to a teacher participating in a job-embedded program or to a teacher teaching outside the teacher's endorsement areas.

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SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Each state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program shall report for each school year the number of its program completers who, in the completer's first year of service as a teacher of record, received a score of "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations" on the completer's overall evaluation. The report shall be filed with the Tennessee higher education commission, the state board of education, and the chairs of the education committees of the senate and house of representatives. The state board of education may include this information in its annual teacher preparation report card prepared pursuant to § 49-5-108.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if a state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program reports, for any school year, no more than ten (10) program completers who, in the completer's first year of service as a teacher of record, receive a score of "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations" on the completer's overall evaluation, then that data shall not be made publicly available in order to safeguard the privacy of individual teacher data.

(c) The general assembly encourages each state-board-of-education approved teacher preparation program to collaborate with the program's primary partnership local education agencies to support its program completers who are in the completers' first year of service as a teacher of record in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) schools.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5604, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

In order to gain experience in a school and demonstrate readiness for teaching, educator preparation providers shall require clinical experiences, including field experiences and clinical practice, as defined by the state board of education. During the clinical practice, each candidate shall be assigned to an effective educator for guidance, evaluation, and instruction.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5607, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) The state board of education shall review the scores on the state teachers examination from each public and private teacher training institution. Any institution that had thirty percent (30%) or more of its students fail the examination in the previous year shall be informed and placed on probationary status. Any institution that has thirty percent (30%) or more of its students fail in two (2) consecutive years shall have its state approval revoked by the state board of education.

(b) The department of education shall develop annual performance reports for all approved educator preparation providers.

(c) The state board of education shall promulgate rules necessary to effectuate this section. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5631(d), is amended by deleting the language "The state-recognized" and substituting instead the word "Primary".

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.